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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER ON DECLARATION FOR THE  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE  
TRANSMITTED URGENTLY TO HER IMPERIAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS  
ASHRAF PAHLAVI, C/O PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAN TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS, 622 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR IMPERIAL HIGHNESS: I AGREE WITH THE THOUGHTS AND  
ASPIRATIONS CONTAINED IN YOUR PROPOSED DECLARATION FOR  
THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS  
FORWARDED TO ME BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN OUR NATIONAL LIFE FOR SOME TIME.  
I UNDERScoreD THIS COMMITMENT IN A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLA-  
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MATION OF AUGUST 22, 1974, CALLING UPON ALL AMERICANS

TO OBSERVE AUGUST 26, 1974 AS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY.  
THE PROCLAMATION RECALLED MY WORDS TO THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 1970 WHICH STRESSED THAT THE  
EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION WAS AN IDEA  
WHOSE TIME HAD COME.

I BELIEVE THAT IN THE WIDELY PROCLAIMED INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S YEAR OF 1975, AMERICANS MUST DEAL WITH ANY  
INEQUITIES THAT ARE STILL BARRIERS TO THE FULL PARTICI-  
PATION OF WOMEN IN OUR NATION'S LIFE.

I HAVE URGED AMERICANS TO RECOGNIZE CLEARLY THE ESSENTIAL  
ROLE OF WOMEN IN OUR SOCIETY AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO  
OUR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL WELL-BEING. AS A  
REPUBLIC DEDICATED TO LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, THE  
UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS FULL EQUALITY FOR WOMEN.

WITH MY VERY BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW. KISSINGER

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